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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/018,367
Confirmation Number	7863
Filing Date	December 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hideya SAITO
Group Art Unit	1711
Examiner Name	Robert D. Harlan
Matter Number	Q67396
Title	FLUORINE-CONTAINING ELASTOMER AND VULCANIZED MOLDED ARTICLE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. Petition for Extension of Time
- v. Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. Other _____

3. FEES

Checks for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 and for the petition of a one-month extension of time of \$110.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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CUSTOMER NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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Signature Fang Liu/Joseph Ruelf Date July 9, 2004
Reg. No. 26,577



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004. A Petition and payment for a one-month extension of time are attached, making this Response due on or before July 9, 2004.

An RCE is being filed herewith currently.

Please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.